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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 24, 2006. Claims 19 to 33 are pending in the application, of which Claims 19, 24 and 29 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 19 to 33 are allowed.

Claim 29 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 34 to 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,991,327 (Goto). In this regard, Claims 34 to 39 have been cancelled. The foregoing action has been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the foregoing rejection, but rather solely for the purpose of expediting issuance.

In view of the foregoing amendment, Applicant submits that all of the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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